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IT SEEMS
THAT PLANTS
ARE THE
DOMINANT FORM
OF LIFE ON
PETAELGELACE II.
LIKE THE
ECOT OF THE
ANIMAL LIFE
HERE, OUR
EXPLORATION
TEAM EARLY
STOOD A
CHANCE.

IN ONE
NECK WE'VE
LOST FOUR
TEAM
MEMBERS AND
PLANETOLOGIST
SETHMAN
HAS BEEN
INJURED.



BY A
PLANT THAT
USES THE
EXPLOSIVE
REACTION OF
NITROGEN AND
WATER TO
KILL PASSING
ANIMALS THEN
ABSORBING THEIR
NUTRIENTS.

WE'RE AT
THE END OF
OUR FOOD
SUPPLY AND
CONDITIONS
ARE HARSH.
I'M LEAVING
THIS RECORD
JUST IN CASE.



BUT THERE'S NO
DOUBT THAT WE'RE
GETTING CLOSER TO
THE LAYER WHICH
KEEPS RISING FROM
THE PLANET'S
SURFACE. I PLAN
TO CONTINUE
MOVING FORWARD
UNTIL WE CAN'T
TAKE ANOTHER
STEP.

THIS
IS ADAM
ROBINSON,
CAPTAIN OF THE
ORION.



ugh.

ROCK IT
MUST
BEHOLD!
WE'VE
GONE TO
GET SOME
WATER.





BETELGEUSE...



THIS RED SUPERGIANT
THAT HAS BURNED
FOR SEVEN
BILLION YEARS IS
REACHING THE
END OF ITS
LIFE. IT'S
DYING...



...EVENTUALLY
IT WILL BEGIN
TO EXPAND
THREATENING A
GRAVITATIONAL
COLLAPSE...



WHEN
THAT HAPPENS
CAPTAIN, THIS
PLANET WILL BE
COMPLETELY
BURNED UP
SWALLOWED INTO
BETELGEUSE'S
ENORMOUS
BODY.



IN
SHORT
THIS PLANET
HAS NO
FUTURE...



ARE YOU SAYING
THAT THE FLYING
OBJECT WE SAW-
THE ONE
PROPELLED BY
THE LARVA- WAS
AN AIRCRAFT
SHIP ESCAPING
THIS PLANET
??



BUT...

IT WAS
SO SMALL!
AT THE
MOMENT, IT-



C-CAPTAIN
ROBINSON...



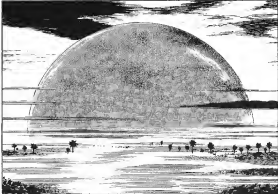
...HAVE
YOU EVER
HEARD
OF... THE
HUMAN
RACE
LEAVING
PROJECT...
?



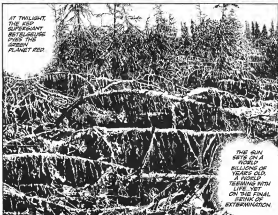


NIGHT 18: ODYSSEY IN GREEN Part 2



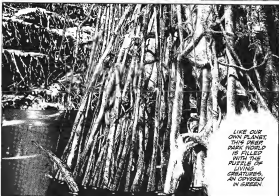


AT TWILIGHT,
THE RED
SUPERGIANT
RETURNS TO
THE
GREEN
PLANET RED



THE SUN
SETS ON A
WORLD
BILLIONS OF
YEARS OLD.
A WORLD
TEEMING WITH
LIFE, YET
ON THE FINAL
BRINK OF
EXTINCTION

IS
THIS
THE
WAY
THE
EARTH
WILL
END?



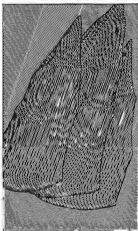
LIKE OUR
OWN PLANET,
THIS DEEP
DARK WORLD
IS FILLED
WITH THE
PUZZLE OF
LIVING
CREATURES.
AN ODYSSEY
IN GREEN.

HUMANITY HAS REACHED
FIVE HUNDRED LIGHT
YEARS OF SPACE.

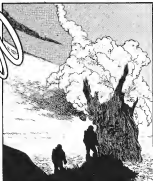
THE END OF OUR
JOURNEY IS ALSO NEAR...











IT'S A
CANNON,
LORE.

THE PRINCIPLE
IS PROBABLY
NITROGEN AND
WATER AGAIN.
IT USES THAT
EXPLOSIVE
POWER TO
LAUNCH AN
OBJECT.

THE ONE
BURIED IN
THAT CRATER
MUST'VE
FAILED TO
MAKE IT
INTO ORBIT,
PLUNGING BACK
DOWN.

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
RIGHT,
CAPTAIN.
THE SUCCESS
RATE OF THIS
KIND OF
JULIEN VERNE
SYSTEM
CAN'T BE
VERY HIGH.

BUT
SOMETIMES
ONE ESCAPES
THE
ATMOSPHERE
AND GOES
INTO ORBIT...

PRECISELY
!

THEN
THAT
LARGE
PEOPLE'S
IT INTO
SPACE!





LOOK, THE
WOODS AGAIN,
A VARIETY
OF PARASITIC
PLANTS.



—COME TO
THINK OF IT,
THOSE THINGS
MAY BE
IMPLANTING
THEIR OWN
SEEDS INTO
THE OBJECT
TO BE
LAUNCHED.



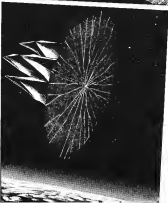
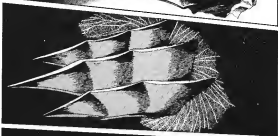
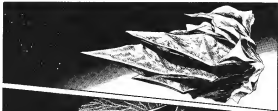
AN
EMIGRANT
SHIP...
?

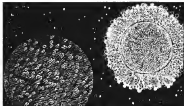


WHAT
SHALL
WE DO,
CAPTAIN
?

SHALL
WE GO ALL
THE WAY TO
THE LADDER'S
FIREING
SOURCE?







...ABOUT
THE HUMAN
RACE
SEEDING
PROJECT



ALMOST FOUR
HUNDRED
YEARS
AGO,
BEFORE
THE
"GREAT
ADVANCE".

...IT WAS BELIEVED
THAT HUMAN BEINGS
COULD NEVER REACH
ANOTHER PLANETARY
SYSTEM. SO FROZEN
SPERM AND OVA
WERE SCATTERED
AIR INTO SPACE,
SPREADING HUMANITY
IN THE FORM
OF SEEDS.



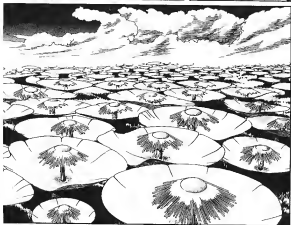
THESE NEED-
SEEDING SPACES
THOSE WHO
PARTICIPATED IN
THE PROJECT...
WERE NAMED
ROBINSON. THEY
LATER FOUNDED
THE ROBINSON
SPACE FOUNDATION.



THEY
WERE MY
ANCESTORS.









THERE
ARE A MUCH
BIGGER
REGION OF
THE LIGHT-
CONDENSING
PLANTS
WE CAN
EXPLORE

THEY'RE
PROBABLY
ALL JOINED
BY THOSE
UNDERGROUND
STEMS.

IT'S
CONCEIVABLE
THAT EVERY
LIGHT-
CONDENSING
PLANT ON
THE PLANET
IS LINKED

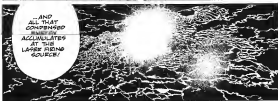


YOU MEAN-
THAT LIGHT
DIEB, IT?

EXACTLY!
THEY SEND
LIGHT IN THE
NETWORK OF
UNDERGROUND
STEMS...

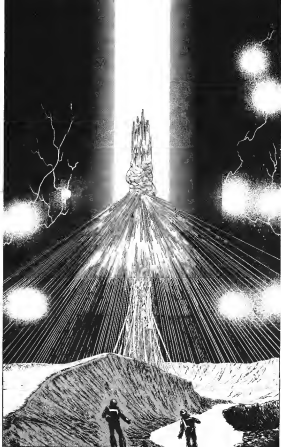


-AND
ALL THAT
CONDENSED
ENERGY
ACCUMULATES
AT THE
LARGE BEING
SOURCE!

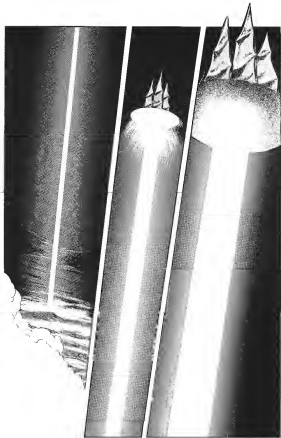












THEY'RE NO
INTELLIGENCE
HERE, NO
CIVILIZATION!

HM
MM
MM

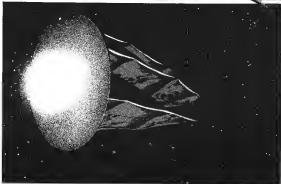
BUT DON'T
YOU SEE,
BOB?
THEY' WANT
THE SAME
THING WE
WANT!

THEY'RE
TRYING
TO DO
THE SAME
THING!

HOPE
THAT'S
THE ONLY
SPECIES



AN
EMIGRANT
SHIP LEAVES
A DYING
STAR IN
SEARCH
OF NEW
PLANETS,
NEW SOIL...







WELL,
HERE
TO
CAPTAIN
?

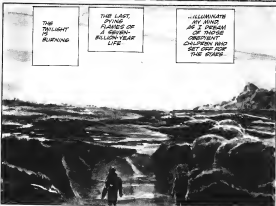
I
WISH
I
KNEW.



THE
TWILIGHT
IS
BURNING

THE LAST,
DYING
FLAMES OF
A SEVEN-
BILLION-YEAR
LIFE...

...ILLUMINATE
MY MIND
AS I DREAM
OF THOSE
ORPHAN
CHILDREN WHO
SET OFF FOR
THE STARS...





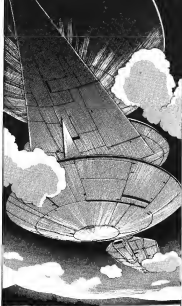
The Eternal Night:

CHILDREN OF EARTH









63. ADAM
ROBINSON...

HOW ARE
YOU
FEELING?

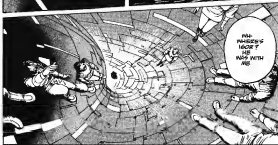


THEY SAY
YOU LIVED
ON THAT
GREEN
PLANET
FOR TWO
YEARS.

A
MIRACLE.



WE RECOVERED
THE LOST
FILMS FROM
INTELESCUE II
AND WENT TO
INVESTIGATE. WE
WERE SHOCKED
WHEN WE
FOUND YOU.



THE
FATHER'S
MISTAKE
HE
WAS WITH
ME.

HE'S JUST FINE.
HE'S ON THE
BRIDGE.

AND THE
SPACEHULL
?

THE
SACHMEN
AN INTELLIGENT
CRAFT ARE
BETTER THAN
OUR OLD SHIP.
THE
SCHNEIDTAPPE

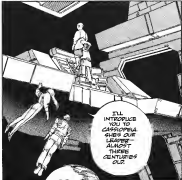
YOU'RE
NEW
GENERATION
??



I'M
SURE
AND
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

IT'S THE
HYPERSPACE

SHHH...



I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU TO
CARPOTELA
OVER OUR
LEADER—
ALMOST
THREE
CENTURIES
OLD.



CARPOTELA
?



A FIRM
CONVICTION—
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
HASN'T
IT?



YOU'RE
THE FIRST
OF THE OLD
GENERATION
TO STEP
ON THIS
SHIP.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE—
LEADER
OF THE NEW
GENERATION
?



CARPOTELA,
HERE
ENTERING
THE TAU
CBTI
PLANETARY
SYSTEM.



THE TAU
CBTI
SYSTEM
??



MY MOTHER'S
NAME WAS
OLYMPIA, AND
SHE WAS
BORN ON
THE MOON.

SHE ONCE TOLD
ME ABOUT THE
HUMAN RACE
SEEDING PROJECT
HOW FOUR HUNDRED
YEARS AGO
HUMANITY FIRST
TRIED TO
CREATE A NEW
GENERATION..



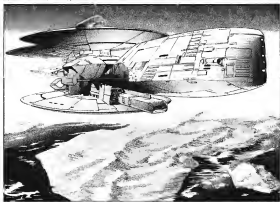
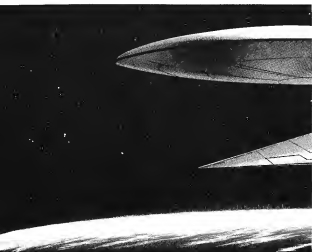
CAPTAIN..

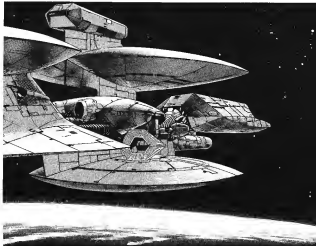
WHAT?

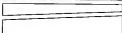
IT SEEMS
CANNOPEDIA
TOOK AN
INTEREST IN
YOUR STORY
THE
TACHYONIAN
WAS BUILT
WITH TARGETS
AS ITS FIRST
DESTINATION.

AND THE
CHILDREN..
!?

HAVE
THEY
ARRIVED
AT THE
PLANET
!?







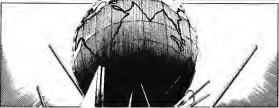














WE PUT IT TOGETHER SO WE COULD ALWAYS LOOK AT IT.



I CAN SAY THE NAMES OF ALL THE COUNTRIES

SPAIN, FINLAND, U.S.A., MAHARASHTRA.

THAT'S NOT A COUNTRY, JOHANN!

NIGERIA, KOREA, SAUDI, ROMANIA, FINLAND

YOU SAID THAT ONE!

ADAM, TELL US ABOUT BART.



IS IT BIGGER THAN GERMANY IF THE SKY FALLS?

THERE MUST BE A LOT OF PEOPLE, RIGHT? LOTS AND LOTS!

HERE IT'S JUST US.



DID YOU COME TO LIVE HERE, ADAM?



NOWHERE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...



OH,
LORD...

WE'RE
GRATEFUL
FOR TODAY'S
BREAD AND
BLESSINGS

AND
MOST
OF
ALL...



FOR
BRINGING
THE
PEOPLE
FROM
DARKNESS
TO US...



CAPTAIN
TAYLOR
STAY.



THERE'S
SOL. ELEVEN
POINT-NINE
LIGHT YEARS
AWAY...



OH,
LORD...



AREN'T
YOU BITTER,
KAREN...?

BITTER?
BUT WHY...?



IT WAS MY
ANCESTORS WHO
FOUR HUNDRED
YEARS AGO, BEFORE
YOU WERE BORN AND
SENT YOU OFF
TO THIS STAR.

THEY
DIDN'T
ASK YOU
YOU
HAD NO
CHOICE.



WE ALL
LOVE
THIS
PLANET
OZMA...



PLEASE
BELIEVE
THIS
MUCH.



NOT
A SINGLE
MEMBER
OF THE
ROBINSON
FAMILY...

...HAS
EVER
FORGOTTEN
ABOUT
THIS
PLANET.

SHHH SHHHH
zazazazata~









ANGELS...
THESE
CHILDREN
ARE
ANGELS...

I'LL
PROTECT
THEM AS
MY OWN...
NO MATTER
WHAT...
NO MATTER
WHAT?



WRRSH
RRRSH



LOOK, YOU'RE
LIKE US, BORN
IN SPACE AND
RAISED IN
SPACE --
AREN'T YOU?

NO,
ELECTRA.
I'M NOT
NEW
GENERATION.

NOT
LIKE
YOU
AT
ALL.

RRRSHH

RRRSH



THE HUMAN
RACE IS
WITHDRAWING
FROM THE
UNIVERSE,
RETURNING
TO THAT
CRAMPED
SOLAR
SYSTEM.

THEY
COULDN'T
ADAPT
TO
SPACE.

BUT WE
TACHYONS
ARE
DIFFERENT!



THIS IS
THE LAST
CHANCE.
LOOK, COME
WITH US!



YOU
KNOW
ABOUT THE
"TACHYON"
RIGHT?
A PARTICLE
FASTER
THAN LIGHT
?

A
PARTICLE
THAT
MOVES IN
A WORLD
BEYOND
LIGHT-
SPEED.

IT
NEVER STOPS
BELOW THE
SPEED OF
LIGHT AND OF
COURSE ITS
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR IT TO
COME TO A
STOP.



WE OF
THE NEW
GENERATION
ARE LIKE
THAT.

WE
GINT STOP
ON A
PLANET
AND
SETTLE
DOWN.

WE JUST
KEEP
PUSHING
ACROSS
THE SEA
OF STARS
UNTIL
WE DIE...

THAT IS
THE NEW
GENERATION
TACHYONIANS.



HOW MUCH
LONGER
WILL THE
LOADING
OF
PROVISIONS
REQUIRE?



WE HAVE EIGHT LARGE SHUTTLES MAKING ROUND TRIPS AT FULL CAPACITY, BUT IT WILL TAKE FOUR DAYS TO COLLECT PROTEIN AND VEGETABLE FOOD SOURCES.

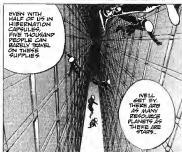
AND AT LEAST THREE DAYS FOR WATER AND AIR SUPPLIES, TOO, GIMMOPELA.



THAT'S FINE. THERE'S NO NEED TO HURRY.



EVEN WITH HALF OF US IN HIBERNATION CAPSULES, FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE CAN EASILY TRAVEL ON THESE SUPPLIES.



WE'LL GET BY. THERE ARE SO MANY RESERVE PLANETS IF THERE ARE STARS.



CENTRAL CONTROL. THIS IS SCHWENZEL'S BLOCK.

THE GAS PRESSURE IN THE FINE STORAGE ROOM IS RISING.

LIQUID NITROGEN! DO YOU WANT TO RUIN THE PMA AND FERTILIZER? THEN WE WANT TO GO MUCH FURTHER TO COLLECT IT!



ALL THAT REMAINS NOW IS THE CHILDREN.





WE THOUGHT
IT WOULD
MAKE THE
CHILDREN
HAPPY. WHY
ARE YOU
SUSPICIOUS,
ADAM?

THIS IS
JUST A
JOY RIDE.
WANT IT,
ELECTRA?



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU
PEOPLE WANT
OUT OF YOUR
WAY TO
COME TO
DEATH.

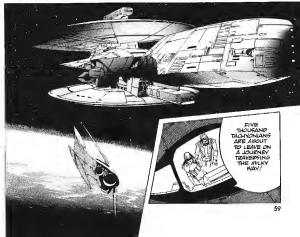
IF IT
WERE JUST
TO COLLECT
PROVISIONS,
THERE WERE
PLENTY OF
CLOSER
STOPS.

YES,
WELL...



ADAM, DO
YOU REALLY
THINK IT'S
ALL RIGHT
TO LEAVE
THESE
CHILDREN
AS THEY
ARE?







OH MY GOD...
YOU MEAN...

YES—AN
ETERNAL
JOURNEY
FORWARD...
BUT
THERE'S A
PROBLEM



AS
GENERATIONS
ARE BORN
AND DIE IN
THE CONFINES
OF THE
SPACESHIP A
BIOLOGICAL
RENEWING
WONT BE
FOR EVER



RATHER
A FEW
ESCAPES
THERE'LL
BE
NOTHING
BUT
MUTATIONS
AND
FREAKY
OFFSPRING



TO
PREVENT
THAT, WE
NEED
PERMANENT
GENES!



DO
YOU
SEE
?

WE'VE
TRAVELLED
FROM
COLONY TO
COLONY
COLLECTING
THE GENES
OF OLD
GENERATION
MALES



THOSE
CHILDREN
ARE FOUR
HUNDRED
YEARS
OLD—THE
OLDEST
HUMAN
BEINGS!

THEY'RE
A
PRECIOUS
GENE
POOL!







I'LL GO
WITH
YOU
ELECTRA...



...BUT
NOT THE
CAPTAIN
OR THE
CHILDREN
SET THEM
DOWN.



PLEASE...



AND I'VE
NOT NOTHING
TO PRELUDE
WITH PEOPLE
WHO WOULD
USE THOSE
CHILDREN
BRING US
DOWN AHEAD

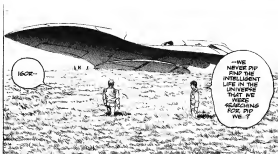
DON'T
MAKE
ME ANY
ANSWER.



LET ME
TALK WITH
CAPTAIN
ON THE
MOTHER
SHIP...



YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT
A BOMBARD
OLD
CONFESSIONS
WILL DO!













WE
WILL
SOON BE
ENTERING
HYPERSPACE.



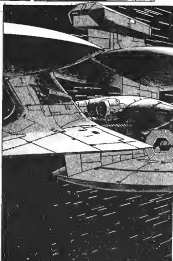
THE GOAL
OF OUR FIRST
LEAP IS
FIFTY MILLION
MILES—AN
INFINITE THREE
THOUSAND
LIGHT YEARS.

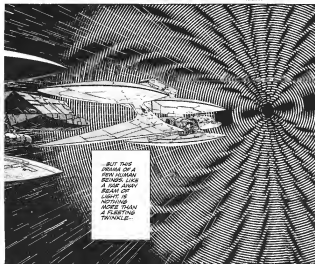


...THE CHILDREN
OF THE SPACE
AGE'S FORTY
YEARS FOUR
CENTURIES IN
THE FUTURE...

ARTH
EDMONSON, AN
EARTHMAN OF
TODAY...

AND THE
NEW
GENERATION
THE
TECHNOLOGISTS...





THE
INFINITE
NIGHTS HAVING
SWALLOWED
ALL THAT WAS
BEFORE,
CLEAN SLAB.
AND ALL
AROUND IS
EMPTINESS.

A
CURTAIN
OF PITCH
BLACK
ELEGANTLY
DRAPE

2001 NIGHTS FIN